

## BROOKLYN CAST OFFS.

### When Put Away by Mothers They Go to Licensed "Fences"

## Inspectors, However, Keep an Eye On the Toddlers

**The System Now Sanctioned by the  
Brooklyn Health Board.**

This advertisement appeared in a morning paper the other day. It suggests the question, is "baby farming" a licensed occupation? Upon investigation an **EVENING** World reporter ascertained that practically

The officers of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children the business is a thing of the past, the issuance to respectable persons of permits to receive and care for children of parents who are unable or unwilling to permit them to be kept at home having taken the bread out of the mouths of irresponsible "baby farmers."

Near the Eastern Park station in Brooklyn a woman was found who had a novelty to offer in the way of human progeny. It was a boy weighing even two pounds that had been left there by a poor woman, who said she was utterly unable to provide for her child. It is not known whether the child received as much attention as this ill-fated specimen did, but, I think, would not be as

generally condemned as it is.

It is as sound as a dollar and perfectly formed as a piece of machinery. The establishment as she held the youngster in one hand while she arranged with the other the swaddling bands which, with the exception of a very small, red, round head, completely enveloped the subject of her remarks. "Perhaps you don't believe that he weighs only two pounds," she said, "show you."

"She laid the little bundle down and heaved a pair of steelyards in his grip. Then she raised the other end of the scales, with an "up she comes" and an imitation of a "longshoreman" lifting a bale of cotton; the hand indicated two pounds and a quarter.

"The extra quarter of a pound is for the clothes he has on, but the child weighs only

darling? He will certainly live, and my only fear is that he will grow up to be a freak in a dime museum. The neighbors have been trooping in all day to have a look at this little wonder, and I have no fear about being able to find some one to adopt him."

It was useless to question the woman about the child's parentage. She wouldn't tell who had brought him for the world, un-

The advertisement given above was that of Mrs. V. B. Wilson, on Bushwick avenue, Brooklyn. Mrs. Wilson was very guarded in her statements about her business. She said she had a permit from the Health Office, and carried on a legitimate business. She did not consider herself a baby farmer, and at present had only one child in charge, and that was a

"What price do you require for taking charge of a child?" the reporter asked.

"That depends upon the circumstances of the parents. If they are well off we charge what they are willing to give. If they are poor we take what we can get. We do not receive no waifs or paupers at this house and deal only with respectable people."

"Isn't it rarely that respectable people desire to place their children out to nurse."

"It is not that which hurts the business so much as it is the crooked work that goes on. We have the mischievous people who ought to be strung up, every one of them, for malpractice. Ah, there would be plenty babies out for that."

Marion Wilson's plan is to receive babies and place them out to nurse. She says her

keep a sharp eye on the children. Then she finds somebody to adopt the little one, generally by advertising.

of children at a time and without proper accommodations for them. That sort of thing has been almost wholly suppressed by granting permits to persons who are known and who have facilities for caring for a few children properly. A list is kept of the licensed persons in Rochester.

The institutions which receive infants, and inspectors visit such places as part of their official duty. Very few private persons have permission to enter, but there are many who have. Hospitals have robbed the "baby farmer," as she is known to health officers, of her occupation.

Stubs are kept of the permits issued, for reference, and as a check upon fraud. Permits are licensed to receive the infants are required to make "reports" of adoptions as soon as homes are found for the babies, or to otherwise account for their little charges.

**Roos Lost His Money at a Prize Fight and Was Under Arrest.**  
A despatch from Augusta, Ga., this morning stated that G. N. Roos, of this city, had committed suicide near the Stock Exchange.

there yesterday afternoon while on his way to Police Headquarters under arrest on a charge of having obtained money and goods under false pretenses in New Orleans.

sixth street, but broke up housekeeping last September and announced that he was going to California. He had a wife and three children.

According to the Augusta despatch Room was charged with passing a forged draft for \$100,000, United States bonds, of New Orleans.

**Caused His Collector's Arrest.**  
Diedrick C. Oldenberg, of 113 Bowers street, Jersey City Heights, was arrested at his home this morning on a warrant issued in New York charging him with the larceny of \$400 from Henry Penning, of 17 West Houston

**Made a Noose of Her Garter.**  
While under arrest in the Cedar street police station for intoxication and disorderly conduct, she made a noose of her garter and

conduct, Nellie Crawford, of 238 Central avenue, this morning attempted suicide by strangling herself with a garter. Doorman Brown found the woman unconscious in her cell and called Ambulance Surgeon Fanning, who brought her around all right.

**A Young Burglar Caught.**  
Frank Roosa, sixteen years old, of 2061  
Fulton street, Brooklyn, entered Henry  
Greenwald's grocery, 2134 Fulton street, with  
false keys and got \$15 in change. Policeman

**Injured on Leaving a Car.**  
Miss Grace Mead, of 311 Smith street,

Brooklyn, is to-day confined to her home with injuries received last night while alighting from a Smith street horse-car at the corner of Union street. She tripped and fell under the feet of a team of horses pulling an express wagon and was badly bruised.

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